

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006, claims 1, 6, 14, 18, 29, 33, 37, 45, 47 and 50 have been amended, and claims 4, 5, 15, 19, 30, 34, 40, and 46 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-18, 20-30, 31-33, 35-39, 41-45, and 47-53 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above to expedite issuance of allowable subject matter, and in consideration of filing continuing applications to pursue additional subject matter not currently claimed.

Specifically:

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 4, thus rendering claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Allowable claim 6 has been amended to recite the features of claim 1, rendering claim 6 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Claim 14 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 15, thus rendering claim 14 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Claim 18 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 19, thus rendering claim 18 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Claim 29 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 30, thus rendering claim 29 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Claim 33 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 34, thus rendering claim 33 and all claims dependent thereon allowable;

Claim 37 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 40, thus rendering claim 37 and all claims dependent thereon allowable; and

Claim 45 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 46, thus rendering claim 45 and all claims dependent thereon allowable.

III. CONCLUSION

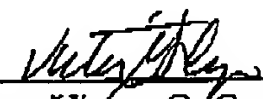
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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